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Sent: 3/25/2021 6:06:10 PM
To: Echeverria, Marietta [Echeverria.Marietta@epa.gov]; Aubee, Catherine [Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov]
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Subject: RE: URGENT to Michal by 2pm - Balt. Sun inquiry

Many thanks Marietta and to all for the quick work.

Yes, I'll get Michal's general awareness and approval now and then before 3pm we can adjust the yellow highlight as needed with the confirmed information.

Here's the updated statement per OPA (see red text) that we are working with right now:

EPA is committed to taking action to better understand and ultimately reduce the potential risks caused by these chemicals, including how to address PFAS contamination. EPA's actions to address these chemicals will be underpinned by science and will support the agency's efforts to develop effective regulation and provide improved public health protections for all Americans.

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Shamus – the team is pulling the CSF and confirming inert ingredients. Can we have more time?

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Importance: High

Hi Marietta and Catherine,

Many apologies for this...Just an hour ago, we received an urgent deadline to get Michal a desk statement on PFAS and Permanone 30-30. Is there a way we can quickly confirm that for Permanone 30-30, Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Subject: RE: Letter: Another widely used Pesticide contains PFAS - also Balt. Sun 3PM today

That would be an appropriate answer. Please confirm with the RD team.

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Thank you for the heads up on the CMS. We just received a press inquiry with a 3pm deadline about this (see below).

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For awareness.

Best,
Catherine
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US Environmental Protection Agency

Begin forwarded message:

From: Timothy Whitehouse <twhitehouse@peer.org>

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Subject: Letter: Another widely used Pesticide contains PFAS

Dear Administrator Regan:

Please find the attached letter from PEER and the Maryland Pesticide Education Network notifying you that we recently tested a pesticide widely used in Maryland for PFAS. The result showed the pesticide, Permanone 30-30, contains high levels of PFAS.

We are also in the process of notifying the Maryland Department of Agriculture and Maryland Department of the Environment. See our attached letters.

We would be happy to discuss this matter further with you. We have been working with Kimberly Nesci and Catherine Aube of your staff on the matter of PFAS in pesticides and have appreciated their attention to our concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued work on these issues.

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